

Charter Fire Ecology Steering Committee National Park Service

Committee Role and Function:

The Fire Ecology Steering Committee (FESC) is established to support field level resource and fire management programs. The Committee provides guidance for the fire ecology program of the National Park Service. This program provides park-level, regional, and national management of fire effects monitoring, fire ecology research, wildland fire monitoring, liaison between resource management and fire management, and development of ecological models for fire and resource planning.

Scope:

The FESC is a standing committee that provides support and guidance for field level activities involving ecological planning and monitoring of fire effects. The FESC will also be responsible for communicating these activities to the FIREPRO Steering Committee and the Fire Management Leadership Board (FMLB). FESC activities include development and review of fire ecology policy, program needs and standards. The FESC will also facilitate integration of fire monitoring with other resource and fire management activities.

The Committee will address fire monitoring ecology-related issues including, but not limited to the following:

- ❑ Policy: review and make recommendations on DO-18 and RM-18.
- ❑ Program standards: provide review and input on program definitions, budget analysis matrix, Fire Monitoring Handbook, software, training, research and technology transfer.
- ❑ Program development: facilitate the development of methods, technologies and funds which facilitate effective ecological applications of fire.

Membership:

FESC membership composition and individual role and function include the following:

- ❑ Chairperson: Fire Management Program Center representative-Fire Ecologist (National Fire Ecology Program Manager)
 - Identifies the FMPC perspective and priorities for action
 - Coordinates and facilitates committee meeting and conference calls
 - Ensures that committee meeting accomplishments and action items are documented

- ❑ Fire Management Program Center representative – Fire Ecologist (Fort Collins Position)
 - Represents the Inventory and Monitoring and Natural Resources Program Center liaison perspective and identifies priorities for action
- ❑ Regional Representatives: Seven members (regional fire effects program managers/fire ecologists) representing all regions [PWRO(2); AKRO (1); IMRO (1); MWRO (1);SERO(1); NERO/NCO(1)]
 - Represents regional issues
 - Identifies subject matter experts for special task groups
- ❑ FIREPRO Steering Committee Representative
 - Identifies the FIREPRO Steering Committee perspective and needs for the fire monitoring program
 - Updates FIREPRO Steering Committee on accomplishments of fire monitoring program.
- ❑ Fire/GIS Steering Committee Representative
 - Identifies priorities and needs from a Fire and GIS program perspective
- ❑ USGS, Biological Resources Division (BRD)
 - Identifies priorities and needs for research
- ❑ Inventory and Monitoring Program (I&M) Representative
 - Identifies priorities and needs from an I&M perspective
- ❑ Park Resource Management Chief Representative
 - Identifies priorities and needs from a resource management perspective
- ❑ Field-level Fire Ecologist representative
 - Identifies priorities and needs from a park/cluster perspective
- ❑ Park Prescribed Fire Specialist/Small Park FMO Representative
 - Identifies priorities and needs from a park/cluster perspective
- ❑ Lead Monitor
 - Identifies priorities and needs from a park/field perspective
- ❑ Observer
 - At least one observer may be invited to any meeting. These individuals will not have the opportunity to vote on committee resolutions. Observers may be asked to make presentations on subjects of interest.

A current list of members is attached to this charter.

Member Selection and Commitment:

FMPC positions, Regional Representatives, USGS, and I&M positions are standing members. The FIREPRO Steering Committee and Fire/GIS committees will select their representatives. The FESC will select replacements for all other membership representatives following an outreach and application process. These positions will be replaced after four-year terms. The term positions include: Park Resource Management Chief, Field-level Fire Ecologist, Park Prescribed Fire Specialist/Small Park FMO Representative, and Lead Monitor

Work Groups/Special Groups:

Work Groups/Special Groups will be formed as needed to complete specific tasks; upon completion, groups will be disbanded. Work Groups/Special Groups will be given a definition of tasks and completion timeframes by the FESC and will report findings and/or accomplishments to the FESC.

Meeting Schedule:

Meetings will be held annually in October with additional meetings as deemed necessary by the chairperson and committee members. Conference calls will be held quarterly or as needed.

Approved:

National FMO-Fire Mgmt Program Center

Fire Ecology Steering Committee

Standing Committee Members	
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*MaryBeth Keifer and Paul Reeberg will alternate meeting attendance due to shared position.

*Jan van Wagtendonk and Craig Allen will alternate meeting attendance.

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